



# To the Point

20/ 2015 21st July 2015

Hi Everyone,

**Athletics Champions again:** Yes, this year's students aged 9 years through to 12 excelled winning the Student Average Trophy for the 12th time since 2000. What was most remarkable yesterday was the team work shown by the children particularly beating their more fancied faster sprint rivals in the four person circular relay. A special congratulations to the nine year old girls who dominated in many of the running events such as winning the first three places in the 200m final. Our most outstanding athletes who were awarded age champion medallions went to our super athletic girls, Sophia Mau and Zoey Tonga. Mr McDowall will now be finalising paperwork for our students selected to represent Cumberland next week at the Mackay District trials. Thank you parents for assisting Mr McDowall to manage the team across the day. I am very proud of all our representatives.

- Slade Point State School Face-book page!
- Woolworths earn and learn starts Wednesday 15th July!

**The NED Show coming:** This year I have coordinated the delivery of the Ned show 'free' of charge for our pupils on Friday the 31st of July. The NED show is a character education show that centres around three important messages – Never give up; Encourage others and Do your best. The show consists of storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks. Our school receives the NED show at no cost because we are hosting a 'pay it forward' sale. When our students purchase an item they help send this \$1700 show onto the next school. A NED parent information note will go home next Wednesday week 3, two days prior to the show. We are contracted to provide the Pay it forward sale for five days after the event. There is no obligation to buy and all NED yo-yo's will be taken home for student use, not to be played with at school. The show will be moving onto others schools in our District later in the day but any concerns over the product can be exchanged from our school within the five days and then later if needed, through the website contact. This show comes highly recommended by colleagues.

**Annual School Survey:** Each year the school staff, student and parents are surveyed on the management and education being provided at Slade Point State School. We are very proud of our students, parents and staff collaboration and hope this survey reflects this. This data requires as many of the surveyed parents to record their opinions on line. This information will be sent home this week. Access to a computer can be provided in our school library at a convenient time.

**Personal hygiene important:** First week attendance was very upsetting with 85 children away across the week. With viruses and school events happening, student attendance figures can quickly stray from our weekly target of no more than 50 absences. Washing of hands with soap before eating or drinking will prevent the spread of winter illnesses. Please remember any more than 3 absences which includes late arrival or early departure notes rules a student out of the end of term attendance brekkie – McSladie day.

**Assistant Regional Director visits tomorrow:** Periodically Mr Alan Whitfield visits our beautiful school to monitor student improvement and provide suggestions from a Regional perspective. Mr Whitfield, the admin leadership team and myself will be reviewing our student report card data, key strategies and processes for term three. I encourage students, staff and parents to say hello to Mr Whitfield during his morning visit if you cross paths.

**Chappy Lyn's message of the week:** Each week our Chappy with invited students present the 'value of the week.' This week they delivered some clear messages around 'patience'. We all need at time to breath, de-stress, consider our own feelings and how we are dealing with the emotion at the time. Chappy's idea to always try and put a name on your emotion whether that be sad, frustrated, depressed, angry, furious, disappointed, jubilant, ecstatic, happy or any other emotion will help you develop patience. That is, to make a considered decision before we act. I trust my admin staff have much patience in always having to wait for me such as in typing this newsletter. Thank you Chappy and students for this week's value.

**Coming up:**

- \*Before end of July – Student, staff and parent school surveys out this week!
- \*Week three – Mackay District athletics for selected students and the NED show!
- \*Chappy Lyn's movie night fundraiser in August
- \*Camps for Year 4 and 5/6 week 9 later in the term
- \*Fun with maths day

Rod Finney - Principal

Slade Point

*"Caring, Sharing, Learning Together"*

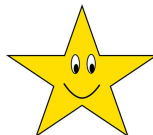
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Parents & Citizens Assoc meetings are held on the 1st.  
Monday of each month. All parents are welcome to attend.

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Home Research Website: http://sladpoinss.cmeweb.libcode.com.au

## STUDENT AWARDS

Taylah, Joshua, Ethan, Mia,  
Tristan, Rocca, Israel, Eve



### ATTENDANCE — CUPCAKES

1st Week: 5B! Well Done!

### EMERALD AWARD

Ashton, Taylah

### SAPPHIRE AWARD

Danilla

### SILVER AWARD

Neil

## SWIMMING LESSONS—2015



Swimming Lessons for  
Prep—year 4 will start in  
Term 3 on Tuesday 25th Aug  
for 8 weeks until Tuesday  
27th October.

**Payment \$70:** If you wish to start making payments, weekly/fortnightly please put money inside an envelope with your child's name/class/swimming into the box in the office. A permission/medical form has been handed out to students. Please fill them out ASAP (even without payment) and return to the office.

### DATES TERM 3

- **Mackay North SHS** — school tour Tuesday 21st July 4pm
- **Mackay District trials** — Wednesday 29th July at Pioneer SHS
- **Swimming starts** — Tuesday 25th August Prep — Year 4 only
- **Year 5&6 Emerald camp** — Monday 7th — Friday 11th September
- **Culture Day** — Thursday 3rd September
- **Year 4 Eungella camp** — Thursday 10th — Friday 11th September

## WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN



Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent. **This has started last Wednesday 15th July.** Once the sheet is completed pop it into the collection box in our office. Please write your name and school on it. **Please give the office (not into the box) any spare stickers, then we can place them onto the cards.**

### CHAPPY NEWS

If any parents would like to have information about how they can reinforce at home the skills the children are learning, I would be very happy to run an information session for parents.

This term we will be running another **Family Movie Night.** Please mark **Saturday 22nd August** on your calendars. Another fund raiser coming up on **Sunday 2nd August** is a **Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings.**

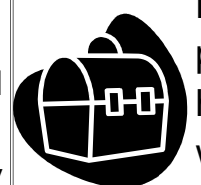
I will be looking for Year 6 parents and students to assist with this one as the funds will be used for costs associated with the Real Me Shines and Strength programs that the Year 6 students participate in during Term 4.

Chappy Lyn

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

**Parents/caregivers:** If you have a email address please let the office know to update your child/ren's details. With One school it will generate a invoice and will be sent to your email address.

### LUNCH BOXES



**Parents/care givers:** Can you please make sure your child/ren have a lunch box with secure lids, while the crows are around at lunch times. Thank-you to the parents who have provided this!

## PIONEER SHS YEAR 7—2016

There will be an information evening and tour held at Pioneer SHS on Wednesday, 22 July, commencing at 6pm. I invite you to join us at our information evening, so that we can answer your questions, provide some information about our Years 7 scholarships and tell you about how we will ensure your child is inspired to succeed and nurtured to grow.

Information about enrolments, scholarships and our innovative LEAP enrichment program is also available on our school website: [www.pioneershshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.pioneershshs.eq.edu.au).

### MACKAY NORTH SHS YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

Mackay North SHS Year 7 enrolments are currently open and the 1st round of enrolment acceptances have been sent out. Enrolment forms, information and scholarship applications are available of our school website. There are two school tours coming up today on **Tuesday 21st July at 4pm meet on the Junior Secondary Precinct deck and another one on the Thursday 8th August at 6pm.** We encourage you to attend if you would like to find out more about our school and the wide range of academic, sporting and cultural opportunities available to students. Please refer to our school website for further information or contact the school on 49631666.

A reminder to parents of students who have been accepted for Year 7 in 2016—please collect your enrolment package from our front office. It must be completed and returned to **Mackay North SHS by Friday 31st July.**

You will also need to register for the Enrolment and iPad Information Evening on either the **Wednesday 19th August or Tuesday 10th November at 6pm** in the **Senior Centre Auditorium.**

## CURRICULUM CORNER

**“FUN with MATHS”** which is on **Tuesday 1st September** day count down has begun (Week 6) . Each child from prep to year 6 will be attending this session at the school for a small cost of \$6.00 each. The day will give opportunity for all students to explore Maths concepts by participating in games and hands on activities to assist in a thorough understanding of each concept. A terrific way for our students to learn!!

Please begin sending in your child's payment in an envelope with the following details on it: CHILD'S NAME, CLASS, and add “Fun with Maths” title.

Also include the permission slip below:

FUN WITH MATHS Permission Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$6.00 (1 child)

I give permission for my child to attend the “Fun with Math's” session at Slade Point State School on \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (parent / guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

The office and teachers will keep record of all families that have paid prior to the Maths day. Reminders will be given over the following weeks.

Please don't let your child miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

Mrs Jo Mian

Head of Curriculum

### MACKAY DISTRICT TRIALS

Congratulations to the students who have reached the next level to participate at the Mackay District Trials which are held at **Pioneer SHS on Wednesday 29th July.** When you receive the medical form, please return it by **Friday 24th July.**

### FINE MOTOR SKILLS

Reminder for Nominated Children our fine Motor program has re-started on Wednesday's at 8:15am.

Thanks  
Mrs McGovern  
Special Ed